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1. REPORT BEING PREPARED ON LOCKHEED UNDER COURT ORDER AT REQUEST OF SEC WAS DUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN MID-SEPTEMBER. DEPARTMENT HAS NOW LEARNED THAT A DELAY OF UP TO 90 DAYS IN PUBLISHING THE REPORT HAS BEEN GRANTED. IT IS POSSIBLE, TOO, THAT FURTHER DELAYS MAY BE SOUGHT.

- 2. THE REPORT, WHICH WILL COVER LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, CONCEIVABLY COULD CONTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE FRG AND FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS. REGARDLESS, IT WILL DEFINITELY NOT APPEAR PRIOR TO OCTOBER 3.
- 3. WHILE THE REPORT IS A SEPARATE ASPECT OF THE ENTIRE LOCKHEED PICTURE, THE RESEARCH INVOLVED IN IT PRESUMABLY HAS BEEN BASED TO SOME EXTENT ON THE DOCUMENTS THE FRG IS PRESENTLY SEEKING FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT (IT WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTAIN STRICTLY IN-HOUSE LOCKHEED SOURCE MATERIAL, HOWEVER).

LOCKHEED WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE REPORT WHEN IT IS COMPLETED, AND COULD SEEK COURT ACTION TO PREVENT ITS PUBLICATION.

- 4. POINT MADE BY RATH IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE JULY NEGOTIATIONS. IT TOUCHES ON THE ESSENCE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, I.E., THE LACK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN A PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE.
- 5. RE MUNICH'S 2085 AND 2108, ERKEL HAS NOT YET BEEN IN WASHINGTON AND HAS NOT SEEN ANY SEC DOCUMENTS. CSU IS CONFUSED ON THIS POINT. STRAUSS REFERENCE TO NORTHRUP IS INTERESTING, THOUGH, SINCE FRG NEGOTIATING TEAM ASKED JUSTICE IF THE AGREEMENT COULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER OTHER FIRMS, QUOTE SUCH AS NORTHRUP UNQUOTE. JUSTICE IS RESTRICTING AGREEMENT TO LOCKHEED, HOWEVER. SHOULD FRG COME UP WITH ;ARD EVIDENCE THAT OTHER FIRMS MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN QUESTIONABLE PRACTICES A LA LOCKHEED, JUSTICE WOULD BE AMENABLE TO EXTENDING COVERAGE OF AGREEMENT APPROPRIATELY. KISSINGER

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